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Rapid River News!



Mdaamini-Gitizis (Corn Moon)
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From L.R.B.O.I.

(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.)

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Fall Membership Meeting. Saturday was the Fall LRBOI Membership Meeting at the Little River Casino Resort. Approximately 300 members attended the meeting which had informational booths and presentations for the entire day. See the next Currents for pictures and more details.

9.11 In Memoriam. At 8:46 a.m. on Friday the 11th of September, Ogema Romanelli asked all tribal employees to observe a moment of silence in memory of the tragic attack in New York.

Meet-n-Greet

Ogema Larry Romanelli held his regular Friday evening meet-n-greet at the Three Fires Conference Center. The meeting is for members who have particular questions for the Ogema. Approximately 30 members took advantage of the chance to talk to the Ogema one-on-one.

Warriors Society updates:



The next Warriors Society meeting will be the 3rd of October. Please watch the Currents and Rapid River News for more details.

The meeting will be held at the New Community Center.



Special meeting in November! On the 8th of November, the Warriors Society will have a special meeting to honor those members whose names are on the monument at the Casino Resort. In addition, they will be holding an election for the seat of Vice Chairperson.



Iraq/Afghanistan. The Warriors Society wants to know if you have family members currently on active duty in either of these two theatres of operation. If so, please send the information to the Warriors Society at 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660.

'Nme' Release Ceremony set!

The 6th annual 'Nme' Sturgeon release ceremony has been set for September 19th at Rainbow Bend – Manistee River Access Site. There will be a presentation on the program, samples of smoked fish, tours of the rearing facility, children's activities and the release itself. Elders attending will be given the opportunity to personally release one of the young 'Nme. There will also be a documentary crew there filming footage for a special program on the restoration project.



Casino Board Meeting! The next Casino Open Board meeting is scheduled for October 16th in the Grand River Room. The meeting starts at 4 p.m.

Off to School! It has been announced that Tribal Officer Melissa Alexander will soon be attending Criminal Investigation school. Alexander has been with the department for 2 ½ years.



- * Contact Information for: Manistee Insurance Agency Steve Fredericks, agent 1-800-968-6215 or 231-723-2566
- * Don't forget: We still need quotes for the 2010 Elders monthly meeting meals Call June Sam at 231-398-6709.
- * September Meeting will be held at the New Community Center on September 5th, Dontz Road Meal furnished by the Casino.
- * Elders Conference scheduled for November 7th at the Little River Casino Resort. Contact June Sam at 398-6709 for reservations. No mileage will be paid but other expenses will be covered.

Tribal Committee/Commission openings. The following is a list of commission seats currently available and also seats that will be open as of September 20, 2009.

Commerce Commission	3 current openings	1 opening as of 9/20
Gaming Commission	1 current opening	1 opening as of 9/20
Housing Commission		3 openings as of 9/20
Binojeeuk Commission	4 current openings	1 opening as of 9/20
Enrollment Commission		4 openings as of 9/20
Health Commission		2 openings as of 9/20
NR Commission	1 current opening	1 opening as of 9/20

Anyone interested in serving on any of the above commissions need to submit a letter of interest to the Ogema's office. Thanks

Employee Luncheon

The Employees Recognition Committee held a luncheon for staff at the new Community Center last week. The committee made the food and provided a number of gifts for a give-away courtesy of the Ogema's office and the Grants Department.

Flu Shot schedule out! TEPC and Public Affairs have distributed the public flu shot schedule for the 9-county region at the Membership Meeting and in the new Currents. The Tribal Health Clinic has also received their seasonal flu shot vaccines and is encouraging tribal members to contact the clinic for an appointment to receive their flu shot.

(Kateri Circle)

"The best teachers have shown me that things have to be done bit by bit. Nothing that means anything happens quickly - we only think it does."

--Joseph Bruchac, ABENAKI

There are no short cuts. Every tree must grow according to the growth plan of the Creator. Every flower must grow according to the plan of God. The moon must make its trip around the earth according to God's plan.

Every human being must grow according to the plan of the Creator. Sometimes we look at ourselves and we think we are not growing but we are always growing. Because we cannot see it with our mind does not mean it is not happening. We must be patient with ourselves and let the Creator direct our growth.

My Creator, let me be patient. Let me realize that You are in charge of all things. Let me realize that I must grow my roots a little at a time to become strong



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Family Services Department has planned several activities throughout the month. We invite and encourage you to join us to help to break the silence and break the cycle of domestic violence.

Purple has come to be the color which is symbolic of domestic violence. Perhaps originally because of the coloring of bruises.

Please wear and display purple during October. When friends or strangers ask, tell them why you are displaying purple. Let your community know that you demand an end to continued passive support of violence.

September 12-Fall Membership meeting-Stop by the Family Services table and pick up information about domestic violence and purple ribbons that you can display in your home or yard.

October 1st-Tribal Family Gathering-Muskegon office-5-7-pm. Join us for a family meal and an opportunity to win one of 2 door prizes. Muskegon Take Back the Night Walk. 7-9pm. A collaborative effort with Every Woman's Place DV shelter. Gathering at the LRBOI office we will begin with general information about domestic violence along with local statistics regarding prevalence followed by a presentation from DV survivors. Each participant will be provided with a purple glow stick for the walk. Upon returning to the office snacks will be provided.

October 2nd-Small purple ribbons will be distributed in Tribal Government employee paychecks

October 14th-Tribal Family Gathering Manistee Community Center-5-7pm. For those of you who can't make it to Muskegon on October 1st. Manistee Take Back the Night Walk 7:30-9:30-A collaborative effort with CHOICES. Gathering at Port City Grille.

October 15th-Paint the Tribe Purple-everyone is encouraged to wear as much purple as possible and decorate your space w/ purple. There will be a friendly competition between government departments. There will be a surprise judge coming to visit each department.

For more information contact Denise Anderson at 231-398-6736 or Melissa Sharlow at 231-398-6651.

Come and Join us for Our Monthly Peacemaking talking circle

The topic of this month's
Talking Circle is
"Odeno"



"Odenaang Enjinoojimoying"



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Talking Circle meeting scheduled!
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Wenesh pii (when).....September 28th at 5:30

This information is subject to change without prior notice. This information is subject to change without prior notice. Updated: 8-31-09 If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule. Court Docket. The latest Tribal Court Docket is shown below. If you have questions concerning the Court activity, please contact them directly.

CO - Cora Offense/Conservation
DM - Divorce with children
EB - Election Board Appeal
FSJ - Foreign Support Judgment
GM - Guardianship of Minor
JV - Juvenile
NC - Name Change
TA - Trust Access

CS - Child Support
DO - Divorce w/o children
EM - Emancipation of Minor
GA - Gaming Appeal
GR - Employment Matter
LT - Landlord Tenant
PF - Probate
TM - Tribal Misdemeanor

CT - Civil Ticket
EA - Enrollment Appeal
FJ - Foreign Judgment
GC - General Civil
JC - Judicial Complaint
NA - Neglect Abuse
PPO - Personal Protection Order
WC - Workmen's Compensation

Monday, September 14, 2009; Judge Bailey

- 9:00 a.m. 09110DO - Leverich v. Leverich Pretrial
- 10:00 a.m. 09079GC - GLR v. Hunley Motion Hearing
- 11:00 a.m. 09133DM - Foust v. Foust Pretrial
- 1:30 p.m. 09178TA - Crampton, Shawn Trust Access
- 2:00 p.m. 09177GM - Smith, Anna Guardian of Minors
- 2:30 p.m. 09178PF - Shoup, Samantha Conservatorship

Friday, September 18, 2009; Visiting Judge Pope

- 10:00 a.m. 08195GC - Sam et al
v. Kelsey, Ossiginac Hearing

Monday, September 21, 2009; Judge Bailey

- Office Closed for Treaty Recognition Day

Thursday, September 24, 2009; Judge Sherigan

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Discontinued Chip/Token Notice

Little River Casino Resort of Manistee, Michigan, an Enterprise of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, has changed the design of its active gaming chips and tokens. Chips and tokens bearing the former design are discontinued and will be valid for play or redemption for a limited time only. Holders of discontinued chips and tokens are encouraged to exchange or redeem them by December 1, 2009.

Beginning- Ending Date: During the first week of September through December 2009 ads will be placed in various Newspapers within the state of Michigan, including the Tribe's Newspaper, "The Current". In addition, posters will be placed in various locations at the Resort and in all LRBOI Tribal Buildings. The Resort will be posting the same information on Resort's website, www.lrcr.com.

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If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:
The Office of Public Affairs, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.
Or send them direct to currentcomments@lrboi.com.
Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.

